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In re Application of: )  
Rudi PAUWELS et al. )  
Serial No.: (Unassigned) ) Group Art Unit: (Unassigned)  
Filed: May 8, 2000 ) Examiner: (Unassigned)  
For: METHOD FOR THE RAPID )  
SCREENING OF ANALYTES )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of this application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 37 and 41-44, amend claims 1-2, 4-12, 14-15, 17-20, 22, 24, 27, 29, 32-33, 36, and 38, and add new claims 45-68, as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for the rapid screening of analytes, comprising the steps of:

a) simultaneously applying a plurality of analytes to be screened onto [one or more] at least one solid [support(s)] support such that the analytes remain isolated from one another;